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"Increase Demonstrations" Urges Mooney, Exposing Court Soviet Planes Defeat Japanese Invader in First Battle Fighting May Day Meetings Show Growing Unity of Toilers

PEA STRIKE ENDS WITH GAINS FOR WORKERS; UNION STRENGTHENED, ORGANIZATION DRIVE STARTS

Meetings in All Fields Scheduled During Week To Plan New Struggle During Second Crop

Strawberry Pickers Near San Diego On Strike

SAN JOSE, April 30.—With the time for picking the first pea crop over, and having forced wages up from 10-17 cents per hamper to 17-20 cents per hamper, the strike was called off by the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union.

At present the main stress will be preparation for another struggle during the picking of the second crop, which in the north California fields, will reach the high point during the latter part of May. In most camps the workers are very enthusiastic, feeling that as a result of the strike gains were made, and above all a union now counting close to a thousand members in the pea fields has been established. It is reported that even a greater number have registered during the strike, but many have not yet been issued membership cards, or as signed to locals.

The workers are not able to get scabs so easily is evident by the fact that they are forced to give 18 cents per hour for such as are working.

Women Lettuce Strikers Win

CHUALAR, Calif., April 24.—Twenty-eight Mexican women working in the lettuce packing shed here went on strike against the twenty cent an hour wage. When the shed walked out solid the boss tried frantically to get scabs, but none would work. So within three hours he was compelled to call the strikers back and give in on their demands for 30c an hour.

SEATTLE COPS FOUGHT BY 700 AT EVICTION

Workers Guard Home Three Days; 15 Arrested

BULLETIN

SEATTLE, Wash., April 28.—Answering Sheriff Bannick's threats to use guns to put through the next eviction, the May Day parade is to be lead with trucks piled high with furniture and carrying banners, "Freedom for the Eviction Fighters!" and "We will continue fighting evictions!" The 15 workers arrested at the Frandsen eviction are held on riot charges with assault charged against some.

With more than 20 evictions pending, Bannick's threat to use guns is intended for intimidation.

Seattle, Wash., April 27.—Fifteen workers were arrested and Sheriff Bannick and nine of his deputies were beaten when members of the Home Owners Protective League and the Unemployed Citizens League fought bitterly yesterday afternoon to stop the eviction of Frank Frandsen from his home at 4435 35th avenue. More than 700 workers and their families were in the demonstration.

For three days the workers had guarded the house, many coming fifteen and twenty miles to help. A camp was established outside the house and workers sang and held meetings during the night while waiting the eviction attempt.

When the sheriff and his gang arrived the neighbors blocked the street and the thugs started slugging men, women and children alike. A hurry call was sent for (Continued on Page 3)

WAR NEWS!

HARBIN, May 1.—Japanese troops, used to slaughtering without serious resistance, disorganized and badly led Chinese forces, were surprised when they were caught today bombing tracks at the Soviet border and given a dose of Red Army fighting skill.

Ten thousand Japanese troops were withdrawn from the Northern Manchuria front for use against the First Workers Republic. While these were massing at the border, Japanese planes circled over the lines in Soviet territory. Following Red Army Commander Voroshilov's instructions, not to invade foreign territory no matter what the provocation but to defend Soviet territory to the last drop of blood, a squadron of Red Airforce planes took the air against the Japanese. The Japanese withdrew after the first few minutes of fighting.

HARBIN, Manchuria, April 28.—The Chinese Eastern Railway is again being used as a means for provoking the Soviet Union, laying a basis for intervention. The Japanese consul general announced that "Japan will be obliged to fulfill her treaty and defend Manchukuo in case of Soviet intervention."

Starting with claims upon the Soviet owned locomotives, the puppet state is being used by Japan for laying claim to the railroad. Traffic has been actually suspended, as Manchukuo mercenary hands are causing wrecks.

It is a direct lie when you talk of locomotives being held without authorization in the USSR! Comrade Kuznetzoff, Soviet vice-chairman of the Chinese Eastern R. R., replied in a note to Li Shaokeng, chairman of the board and Japanese puppet. Shaokeng had declined removal of rolling stock to Soviet territory, which, as last year, is being used as provocation against the USSR.

TOKIO, May 1.—Japanese imperialism is clearly determined to war upon the USSR now. Her internal crisis is driving her to this. This is evident from today's arrests of thousands of May Day demonstrators who have shown unexpected strength. The demonstrators carried slogans against the war. The size and militancy of the demonstrations are especially significant in view of the great terror that exists, especially the constant threat of using the decree giving death penalty to convicted Communists. Accompanying the arrests the government officials made pleas for support of the war.

The first step for the Union's organization drive will be a series of meetings in the following centers:

San Jose—Wednesday, 81 Post St. Decato—Saturday.
Russel City—Saturday.
Alvarado—Saturday.
Hayward—Saturday.

The meetings will take steps to tighten the organization, and elect executive committees of the locals. Organizers will be sent to all fields where union locals have not yet been established.

Following the San Jose Labor Council, which adopted a resolution condemning the Welfare Board for forcing workers on relief to scab, the Typographical Workers Union at its meeting today attended by about 120 adopted a similar resolution.

The passage of the bill which eliminates the section used as a basis for making membership in the Communist Party and other workers organizations illegal, was evidently considered a mistake by the big bosses of the State.

SACRAMENTO, May 1.—On motion of State Assemblyman Chas. Stream of San Diego, the bill on the Syndicalism Law, as amended, introduced by Thomas Maloney and passed on Saturday night, it was decided to reconsider.

The bill which eliminates the section used as a basis for making membership in the Communist Party and other workers organizations illegal, was evidently considered a mistake by the big bosses of the State.

Although refusing to recommend passage of the Maloney Bill for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, the judiciary committee nevertheless decided to recommend an amendment to the bill, which would eliminate clause No. 4, section No. 2, of the law. The clause to be eliminated reads:

"Organizes or assists in organizing, or is or knowingly becomes a member of any organization, society, group, or assemblage of persons organized or assembled to advocate or teach or aid or abet criminal syndicalism."

Benjamin Ellingsberg, Chairman of the State Committee for the Repeal of the C. S. Law, received the following letter from Assemblyman Thomas Maloney, in answer to the demand that the entire law be repealed:

Your letter of the 24th received relative to the Criminal Syndicalism Law. (Continued on Page 3)

25 Salt Lake City Vets Go East

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 24.—A large and enthusiastic mass meeting of veterans and other workers here tonight gave a send-off to 25 ex-servicemen leaving for Washington. They were joined by two delegates from San Francisco, who reported sentiment between here and the coast is favorable to the fight of the vets against the compensation cuts.

Typical of the Jim Crow methods employed is that of several thousands of election workers only one Negro was hired, and that many

FRISCO WORKERS DEFY RAIN IN MAY 1 PARADE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Despite the downpour San Francisco workers demonstrated, with a parade more than two blocks long, along Market street with a meeting at Civic Center, attended by 3000 workers.

The workers showed their determination to carry through the celebration by sticking it out in the rain and for a half hour cheered the speakers at the Civic Center.

As we go to press the Scottish Rite Auditorium is filled for the evening celebration.

LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, May 1.—The Red Squad savagely attacked the speakers at 5th and Towne streets, and at 43rd and Central streets, where thousands of workers demonstrated today. Two speakers were taken to the hospital while others were arrested. The capitalist press has started a wild hysteria against the Communists, Lawrence Ross, Communist candidate for Mayor, was arrested.

Hundreds of police were mobilized to put down the other five demonstrations scheduled to take place.

EAST BAY

OAKLAND, May 1.—Two hundred workers carrying banners marched through the central streets in Berkeley, although there was a continual rain. A meeting was held at Comrades Hall.

In Oakland likewise 200 paraded in the rain. There is to be an evening demonstration.

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NEXT ISSUE

Detail story and pictures of May first demonstrations.
Los Angeles election results.

S. F. VETERANS LEAVE ON MARCH TO WASHINGTON

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—During the past week 34 veterans have left the headquarters of the Veterans National Liaison Committee for Washington. Of the 237 registered, a great number are expected to leave May 2 and 3 on the Bonus March, to arrive at the capital May 12.

Support of the fight against compensation cuts has been widespread among the vet organizations. Members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and former members of the B. E. F. being most strongly represented.

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—For the first time the Alaska Cannery workers have formed a union to combat the slave conditions they have been made to suffer every year after signing their seasonal contract.

Tuesday, 40 of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union met and drew up demands which a delegation of fourteen took to the Alaska Packers Association, and to Meyers and Young, labor contractors.

The two main demands were for (1) complete freedom to all workers to buy goods as they choose, without forcing them or making compulsory such purchases, and (2) to set definitely in their copy of the seasonal contract for labor in Alaska the time to commence work and time to quit, making provision for all overtime work compensation, and this to be in understandable language, preferably in English.

These demands aim at the abuses of compelling the Mexican, Filipino and other workers to spend a large part of their seasonal wage in advance, when signing up, with contractors Meyers and Young, who run a clothing store at robbery prices, and at forcing them to sign a contract they can't read, wherein no provisions are stated as to hours and conditions of work, but a clause makes them forfeit all wages if they attempt to organize on the job.

A meeting is called for noon May 2, at 1529 Powell street, the headquarters, to hear the report of the delegation on what answer is given. In the meantime, three members of the delegation who had already agreed to go to Bristol Bay canneries on the S. S. Kvichak, leaving May 10, who were being kept at a boarding house on Pacific street, were thrown out by Meyers and Young.

Ramon Flores was elected president of the union and an Executive Committee of two Mexicans, two Chinese, two Filipinos, and two white workers chosen.

Plans are being made for picketing the wharf where the men are to board the Kvichak in case the demands are refused.

FIGHT GRAFT AND DISCRIMINATION IN L. A. SCHOOLS

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—Workers' children in public schools here are constantly burdened with new fees and charges by the politicians in charge.

In the grammar and high schools, children pay 50 cents to \$1.25 for towel service. Those who cannot are given demerits. Recently, students of several large high schools circulated petitions for free towel service for children of unemployed workers and lower fee for the other children. The administration sidetracked the delegations who presented these petitions, by claiming budgets are being cut by the school board.

In Los Angeles Junior College, the administration plans to charge \$25 per semester, making it impossible for thousands of workers' children to get a higher education.

NEGRO TEACHERS

There are many Negro students, but not one Negro instructor, although many are qualified to teach there. In the whole Los Angeles school district, there are only 23 Negro teachers; proportionately there should be about 250. They are not even put on the "tenure" list but are merely appointed by the school board at their discretion or through the help of some of the reformist politicians.

Thousands of children cannot attend school through lack of shoes. The school district and the City Council merely throw a few dollars to the Parent Teachers Associations to take care of them. Hot lunches are not given hungry children of unemployed workers. In some schools, they charge five cents for a one-cent glass of milk. Lives of children have been endangered by graft constructed buildings which crumpled during the recent earthquake. Mayor Porter's "inspectors" declared buildings safe which were later condemned as traps when it was found their walls had moved several inches. Contractors reaped millions of taxpayers' money and built cheap, flimsy schools. Thousands of children would have been killed had the quake occurred earlier in the day. But the lives of hundreds of thousands of school children were not considered by the grafting politicians and cold blooded capitalists.

600 AT SEATTLE FILIPINO SALMON CANNERS MEETING

SEATTLE, Wash., April 20.—The Filipino cannery workers here are trying to organize against the slavery conditions offered by the labor contractors for the salmon season. The miserable wage offered is \$110 for a five month season, of which the great part is eaten up with bills which must be run up before the time is over.

Last Tuesday at 110 Cherry street a tumultuous meeting of more than 600 workers drew up their demands. The main one was for a fixed wage of \$40 a month and up (plus found), depending on the kind of work.

A committee of 15 was elected to lay the demands before the contractors.

The first action was an attempt to stop the Filipinos who went aboard ship for the canneries on the 19th. A great number of workers went to the dock early in the morning and while they did not succeed in dissuading the entire group, they convinced nine to stay behind and join with them in the fight. On the next shipment we expect to do much better than that. We will fight to the limit.

ALASKA WORKERS FEEL CRISIS AS REST OF THE U.S.

Gold Production Increases But Number of Men Are Reduced

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 22.—Alaska is in the grip of the depression just as well as any of the states.

The largest industry is fishing, which produced in 1928 a pack valued at \$47,487,763. In 1931 it produced a pack worth but \$31,161,256. These are the bureau of fisheries figures.

The production of copper ore is practically abandoned, even at the Keneck mine, which taps one of the richest copper deposits in the world. The gold output has increased 12% since 1927 but the number of workers in that line has not increased. This is due to the installation of a fleet of electrically driven dredges in the Fairbanks district. These dredges require only a few men to operate them.

The Alaska railroad has drastically reduced the number of its employees. Also the wages have been cut even as on the railroads in the states. The appropriation for the road commission was cut to a basis of barely maintaining such roads as were already completed.

The majority of the people in the interior of Alaska live by hunting and trapping. The price of raw furs has been lowered more than 60% since 1929.

The workers in this region are supporters of the idea of revolutionary socialism which does not mean the Socialist Party. Only a few are indifferent to the labor movement.

Yours for a United Soviet States of America!
—Worker Correspondent.

COUNTY HOSPITAL OF L. A. WORKS WITH PRISON GRAFTERS

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—George Churchick, an unemployed worker, was arrested for "vagrancy" in Pasadena several weeks ago and given 10 days in jail. Sick from tuberculosis, he had been advised by doctors to stay in California.

When taken to jail one of the cops put him at hard work. Unable to do it, the cop grabbed him and threw him on the floor. When he was revived, his body was badly wrenching and unable to move. He was taken to the County jail hospital in Los Angeles and when his ten days were up thrown out, though he still needed medical attention.

At the County hospital they refused to keep him, and sent him to the White Memorial Clinic for an X-ray. He had to pay his last few dollars for the X-ray, and then they would not tell him what sort of an injury it showed, as they are working hand in hand with the grafting County jail and hospital officials.

Vote for the Communist-endorsed candidates May 2. Only they will fight graft in the jails and hospitals and against police brutality.

85 Charity Workers Walk Off Job When Comrade Killed

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Eighty-five charity workers walked off the job in Sutro Forest yesterday in protest against the criminal lack of precaution taken for the safety of men there. Last week a worker had his leg smashed so badly that amputation is required, when a big timber jumped out of a chute and crashed through the wall of the mess hall. Yesterday, Newton Lowe, of 226 Hickory street, head of a family, was killed instantly when a heavy limb fell down upon him, splitting his skull. After toppling trees, limbs are left hanging where they may while men work below felling them. The strong afternoon wind sent the limb hurtling down, killing Lowe and endangering others.

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Sticks and timbers are sent hurtling down a trough on the hillside at a terrific velocity. Directly in line with this chute stands the mess shack, and on this occasion a speeding timber failed to make a sharp turn and crashed through the wall, smashing the leg of one of the workers inside. Two previous accidents of this sort have occurred, though luckily for the workers, no one was injured.

When a delegation from the Charity Workers Protective Union visited the job and took up the matter with the superintendent he admitted "something should be done" about the hazard, but wouldn't do it, referring the delegation to Wollenberg, director of relief.

Having had experience with this buckpassing and empty promises before, the delegation took the matter to the workers there who had come down from the hill for lunch.

The bulk of the woods tried to turn them off but the workers interfered, yanking him aside while the delegation spoke. When the bulk of the woods commanded the men to quit the meeting and go into the shack they laughed derisively. So the bulk phoned for more bulls and the police patrol car came up some time later, after the delegation had gone. Then he blustered and demanded the men turn in their tickets and go home so he could check up on them and fire some but the workers refused. In the face of their solidarity he had to back down.

—Charity Worker.

How To Get Relief

SALEM, Ore., April 26.—When Mrs. Burkhardt went alone to the Red Cross asking that her wood be delivered, because her husband was blinded with poison oak gotten doing road work for relief, she was refused. When she went with an Unemployed Council delegation, she got it!

Yours for a United Soviet States of America!

—Worker Correspondent.

50% of Yuma County Farms Foreclosed

YUMA, Ariz.—A farmer correspondent gives us some very interesting figures on the farm conditions in Yuma County at this time.

More than 50% of all farms here have been foreclosed or turned back to original owner and are now vacant. Another thirty-five or forty per cent are living on their farms at the good will of the mortgage holders. Only about 10% are making any headway in paying even the most elementary expenses.

The banks in Yuma County have been practically non-existent for the past year or so.

The United Farmers League has been organized here in Yuma County and protective measures are being worked out to aid the toiling farmers.

—E. M. C.

—A Worker.

—Monterey Forms 2 Block Committees

MONTEREY, Calif., April 14.—A mass meeting of unemployed was held in the Seaside Church tonight at which several new members joined the Unemployed Council. The meeting endorsed the planned County Hunger March to be held in the near future for more relief and against being cut off and sent to seab in the vegetable fields. Recently two Neighborhood Committees of 20 and 17 each were formed in Seaside.

—L. C.

—Water Fight Won

MONTEREY, Calif., Apr. 24.—The Unemployed Council having turned out on the water in all cases of shutdowns, the water company has backed down and is turning on water where previously they had turned it off.

—Monterey Times

—ORGANIZE!

—The madness of the pace and abominable conditions have created great dissatisfaction. The Detroit strike which won better conditions are regular subjects of conversation. We are like the inmates of an asylum where a visitor saw one guard watching 500 men working about the place.

—ACCIDENTS

An increasing number of accidents occur, due to speed-up and deficiencies in the safety system,

such as exposed conveyor gears, no shields on portable buffers and grinders, obsolete welding equipment, etc. Despite this a physician is available only two hours daily.

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gardening. How this works out was shown in the cases last year when after being assigned a lot and paying to have it plowed and harrowed, and buying fertilizer, workers and their wives put in spring and early summer hoeing and watering the garden. But when the time for harvest came the crop was gathered up under their noses and turned over to the Community Chest.

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SEEING RED!
By Kirby

SOVIET RECOGNITION SIGNATURE DRIVE GROWING

TODAY'S DEFINITION:

OPTIMISM

"Perhaps in a month this intense feeling will die down." — Judge Ward, postponing Mooney's trial.

Evidently he has never heard what happens when oil is tossed on a fire. And the oily excuses of a legal faker cause the same reaction.

"Mooney is in jail. It is immaterial to him whether he is tried now or a month from now," Ward adds.

But how material it is to the move for a dismissal which couldn't be put over till Walsh was lined up to help.

The Parent-Teachers Association gives financial support to the S. F. Symphony Concerts, adding "children should not be deprived of good music."

The music thousands of school kids would appreciate most is the sound of silver in daddy's pockets on the way to the grocery store.

But the well-filled bellies of the P.T.A. turn at the thought of any cash relief for the jobless.

Comrade X is worrying whether dollars will stabilize at 3.2.

The House Appropriations Committee is considering a budget item of a salary cut on Roosevelt. Every worker cheers the idea, but a long and diligent search failed to find one who would bet it goes through.

Comrades Woskoff and Joe Kahn filled six lists each.

The signatures turned into both the San Francisco and Oakland headquarters totals but 4100 to date. This is entirely inadequate considering the duration of the campaign and the seriousness of the international situation with Japanese imperialism again threatening the peace among Soviet Russia and Japan.

Sympathizers and friends of the Union should write immediately to the campaign headquarters, Room 201, 1179 Market street, S. F., and collect signatures. Signers need not be registered voters or even citizens. Oakland headquarters are at 1555 San Pablo avenue, corner of 16th street.

Help get one million signatures by July 4th and force Roosevelt to recognize the Workers and Farmers Government.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"There are no rich men left in the United States." — Chas. M. Schwab.

Pearls and perfume are prizes the UCRAs barterites of S. F. offer at a card party they plan.

Can you stop an eviction by tossing Woolworth pearls to the landlord?

Can you drink eau de cologne when the water is shut off?

In L. A. the UCRAs are learning block committees will do the trick.

The Cal. legislature brings up another one of those fine points they revel in making license plates unnecessary for trucks "engaged in legitimate barter transportation." A new committee must now be set up to decide who is illegitimate among these fakers.

In the Soviet Union competitive production figures of industry are read in the papers with wider interest than baseball scores are in the U. S. A.

HAVE CONFIDENCE!

Manila, P. I., April 28. The 60-year-old Sultan of Sulu was married to a 14-year-old girl Tuesday.

The sultan previously had reduced his harem to two women because of economic conditions, but a spirit of optimism now prevails, a Davao newspaper reports.

The goldbraider recruiting for forestation camps praises "the the middle class boys" who will help the unemployed by chopping down trees. Figure that one out!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q. What indications are there of strong support to the Bonus march?

A. Well, aside from the great numbers going, you might consider the sudden activity of the Legion Commander, and the stoolie Faulkner to head it with disruption and a rival march.

WORKERS COME EARLY

As early as eight-thirty, workers began to pour into Portsmouth Square, opposite the Hall of Justice, and soon numbered thousands.

The police would not permit a meeting to take place. A committee of five immediately went for a permit to the chief of police who was out, but left word that all meetings were broken up.

Comrade Tom Johnson of the Mooney Molders Defense, went outside and, mounting a platform, told the mass of workers that a permit for a meeting was refused. Immediately from all parts of the square came forth shouts, "Free Tom Mooney." "We want Mooney." This was the signal for the large number of mounted police, who rode into the crowd dispersing it to all corners of the square. For at least two hours the police kept chasing workers into various side streets, only to find them returning in ever greater numbers. In a number of cases workers were clubbed, and there were several arrests.

WON'T PROSECUTE

The prosecution stated that they will present the matter without evidence. The judge's rulings laying down the procedure for the trial was in complete harmony with the wishes of the prosecution. Evidence introduced in the previous trial will be barred. The judge stated that the trial will prevent the "preparing of legal loopholes," through which Mooney may be proven not guilty on the previous charges.

That would prevent the bringing into court all the purjured witnesses that were used in the frame-up.

The judge again left a loophole to prevent a real trial by stating that if the district attorney can convince him Mooney is innocent he will grant the motion to acquit before Mooney is even allowed to take the stand.

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Single Workers Win Relief in Eureka

EUREKA, Calif., April 21.—As a result of a militant demand by seventeen single workers for two days' work a month, a special meeting of the Welfare Board was held yesterday at which they were granted one day's work (\$3.20) for this month and other relief in the future. Previously single laborers have been sent to labor camps but these workers, under the lead of the Unemployed Council, which has already shown the Board what it can do, refused to go there.

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Editorial Column

NEXT STEP IN THE PEA FIELDS

Wages in the pea fields have gone up from 10 to 17 cents per hamper at the start of the strike to 17 to 20 cents per hamper in most of the fields, at present. Having accomplished that much the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union decided to call off the strike.

But the fight for higher wages is far from ended. The two demands that the strike was called for are 30 cents per hamper and hiring through the Union instead of contractors. In addition to the small wage gains the basis has been laid for a solid organization of all the workers that will be in a much better position to make the fight at the earliest opportunity.

That opportunity is coming very soon—in fact a much better opportunity than the one on which the workers struck last. In most parts of California, especially central and northern California, the main pea picking (the so-called second crop) will take place in May and June. This year in all the main counties there are larger crops to pick. The official survey for agriculture reports the last three comparative years of pea crops for April, May and June:

	1931	1932	1933
	acres	acres	acres
Alameda and Santa Clara	6,500	11,000	12,000
San Mateo	6,000	8,000	10,000
Monterey and Santa Cruz	4,500	6,200	6,870

Thus in the coming two months a larger crop than ever before will have to be picked. If the workers go back on the job, and carry out the tasks assigned by the union, to organize all their fellow workers of all nationalities then the two main immediate objectives of the union will be won this season:

30 cents a hamper.

Hiring through the union.

BEWARE OF NEW PROVOCATIONS!

The trial which uncovered a nest of British Imperialist spies, who as technicians in the electrical industry, were planning to cripple the Soviet power supply, again proves that the capitalist countries are ever scheming for intervention.

Sabotage work was dealt a deadly blow in the 1930 trial when a huge apparatus, financed by Russian White Guards and Imperialist countries, was uncovered. From the mouths of the saboteurs the world was told that their function was to stall the progress of the Five-Year Plan while preparations for invasion were made from the outside.

However, the Imperialists continue scheming to carry through their plans. Thanks to the vigilance of the glorious OGPU, so hated by the capitalist class throughout the world, they are being uncovered and ruthlessly rooted out. The conspirators sent spies among their technicians involved in the work contracted by British companies. The function of these spies, according to their own confessions, was to revive the old wrecking apparatus, bribe as many as possible, and prepare to disable the most vital electrical stations, at a decisive moment during intervention.

Such work is regarded as a crime in any capitalist country. But the British Imperialists were thrown into a fit of hysteria at the audacity of the workers government placing the agents of the greatest Imperialist power on trial. Threats and the breaking off of trade relations did not intimidate the proletarian dictatorship. The trial went through. The Soviet Power will not allow any Imperialist power to deal with it as it were a colony.

USED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN U. S.

Of great significance to us in the United States is the manner in which the capitalist press utilized the occasion for publicizing the reports of the British war makers. The occasion was used by all opposed to recognition as further "proof" that relations with the Soviet Union are not possible. Great Britain, preparing a war against the Soviet Union, is anxious to block such additional strength as would come to it from U. S. recognition.

In the forefront of this reaction against the Soviet Union are the Greens and the Wolls of the A. F. of L. The San Francisco "Clarion" in its last issue features most prominently the speech of Green before the American Legion, which was a vicious attack against the Soviet Union. This reactionary again fishes out the old fable that "highly paid" American labor will have to compete with Soviet "forced" labor. And this at a time when actually millions are working for their groceries.

Thomas of the Socialist Party joins the chorus, in the last issue of the "Leader," and deplores that although the case against the spies is clear, "it will tend to strengthen the opinion in Russia that the use of the G. P. U. is necessary." Thomas would like to see the defender of the Soviet Power, the G. P. U., liquidated so that the Monkhousers will work unhindered.

The new attempts on the part of Japanese Imperialism to provoke the Soviet Union into a war are by no means disconnected from the plans of the British Imperialists. Now as never before is it necessary to rally to the support of the Soviet Union.

The rank and file of the Socialist Party, of the A. F. of L. and all other workers should join behind the campaign of the Friends of the Soviet Union, for one million recognition signatures by July 4th.

Defend the Soviet Union!

EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS IS GOAL IN SCHOOL DRIVE

Taking the lead in the drive to collect \$800 for the coming California district school, Oakland section has set up a School Finance Committee. Reports from other sections and units as to plans for their quotas are coming in very slowly. To date, Unit 9 of San Francisco is the only unit to report a definite plan.

The month of May must see real intense efforts to raise the amount necessary, so that the school will start promptly on June 12th.

Quotas by sections:

San Francisco\$100.00
Los Angeles\$100.00
East Bay\$ 25.00
All others, each\$ 10.00

STUDENT QUALIFICATION

Over 75% of the students who will attend the school will be chosen from the concentration points of Transport, especially Marine Transport, and Agriculture. The school committee reports that directives have been sent out as to the necessary qualification of students. They must have been in the Party at least four months; under 35 years of age; of working class origin and preferably native born and have shown ability for leadership in mass work.

All working class organizations and sympathizers are urged to give active support to the school by raising funds for at least one student. The recent strike of the pea pickers and the movement to Free Tom Mooney have made clear the urgent need for skilled forces capable of leading these mass struggles. The purpose of the school will be to provide the Party sections with a corps of fresh, well trained functionaries.

"You Quiet Them and We'll Try Again To Dismiss Next Month"



"FREE TOM MOONEY"

By ORRICK JOHNS

Portsmouth Square slopes toward Kearny street, making a natural amphitheatre, facing the Hall of Justice, the stage. It was the stage of the first trial of Tom Mooney seventeen years ago. Once more the stage is set to try Mooney.

Great mass meetings of workers, tremendous demonstrations, weeks and months of organized effort, the building up of powerful united fronts have made known the determination of the working class that Tom Mooney shall come into court and expose the reeking perjury and frame-up that has cost him the best half of his life. Fearing the strength of this movement a judge has granted the trial.

The workers are coming to see their demands are carried out.

By eight-thirty the lower slopes of the "amphitheatre" are filled. The sidewalks lined. Farther up more workers crowd into place. They are coming by the thousands.

Inside the hall there is breathless excitement; panic. Khaki suited officers fly about giving orders. Blue-coats line the corridors. Machine guns hide behind windows. The capitalist news writers joke lewdly with their natural allies, the police. Suddenly there is a rush to the big entrance, a crowding on the stairways. The workers' delegation, refused a permit to speak, is walking rapidly back across the street. They merge in the mass of comrades.

A speaker rises among them. He shouts briefly. Then begins the shouting. "Free Tom Mooney." Now the square reverberates with the shouting. The sound roars through the halls and chambers of the building. The lackeys of the law are alarmed. This is something new. The masses are taking part in the trial of a worker. These corrupt holes, these chambers of filthy bargaining, are hearing the rude shouts of workers fighting for a worker.

Workers in the courtroom can hardly contain themselves. They are wondering, where is the fight? They look to Leo Gallagher, the associate counsel. Gallagher, tense, is whispering constantly to Walsh.

Walsh shakes his head in the negative. At last Walsh makes an objection.

"Your honor has stated that he did not order the defendant in court today, because we would only discuss legal matters. But, your honor, even on these legal matters we must consult with the defendant."

The trial, forced by the tireless efforts of the workers, is about to be sold. The oiled machinery of the plot proceeds. The judge calls attention to the shouts still coming in the windows.

"To tell the truth," he says, "I was going to order the defendant into court today until I saw this demonstration." This is a contradiction of his own previous statement but he is in a tight place and what's the difference. "They even yelled in my ears, 'Free Tom Mooney,'" he continues. "They would certainly do the same to you." This trial cannot go on.

"Your honor," says Frank P. Walsh, "I deplore this demonstration as much as you do yourself. This demonstration is in contempt of the peace and dignity of this court. Those people out there are not friends of Tom Mooney. Their ringleaders should be brought to court and punished."

This is the real bombshell of the day. Tom Mooney's attorney attacks the workers' loyalty to Tom Mooney! The celebrated counsel called to defend a class war prisoner serves the ruling class. Both the court and Walsh want to split the Mooney forces, encourage the disrupters, separate Tom Mooney from the militant struggle. In a few minutes the papers are out: "Communists prevent new trial for Mooney."

That is what this scene was planned to accomplish. What Ward and Walsh and the corporation bosses wanted.

The workers will answer them. They will answer with bigger and stronger demonstrations.

Cultural Federation To Be Formed

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—A call for formation of a Workers Cultural Federation on June 1 is being issued by the Workers School of this city. The Federation will be composed of all workers cultural groups, including choruses, dramatic groups, art clubs and language groups.

While each club retains its own identity and autonomy, through the Federation they will gain the co-operation of other organizations with similar aims, and a broader, more effective contribution to the revolutionary movement will be achieved for all groups.

San Francisco will be central headquarters for the Federation, but all cultural groups of northern California are urged to join.

Editor Tells Truth For First Time

PORLTAND, Ore., April 20.—Says Paul Keltz, editor of the Portland Oregonian, when talking to his friends and not for publication: "Here I am, editor of a Republican newspaper, forced to support the Democratic administration because we realize that UNLESS ROOSEVELT HAS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT, WE MEN IN OUR POSITION WILL FIND THE WORKERS DESTROYING US! WE KNOW THAT UNLESS WE KEEP THE PUBLIC FOOLED BY THE ROOSEVELT PROGRAM, AND SUPPORT IT, OUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED, AND THE WORKERS WILL BE AROUSED TO THE POINT OF ACTION."

canning fleets of the Pacific Northwest are forced to sign a contract which holds them practically in slavery. Even the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries admitted after investigation that when a laborer signed a contract and entered a cannery factory it was virtually impossible for him to escape.

Instead of opposing these conditions, the American Federation of Labor, Wilson points out, has supported such peonage bills as the one introduced in Texas to hold Mexican and Negro workers in the State.

In contrast, the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, is organizing the Mexican workers in the Imperial Valley and in the Colorado beet fields and has already led notable strikes, which are included in this volume.

One chapter gives a Marxian analysis of the whole question of forced labor under capitalism.

An attractive board-bound edition sells for \$1.00. It may be obtained from the Workers' Bookshop in your center or from International Publishers, 381 Fourth avenue, New York City.

—GRACE HUTCHINS.

This forestation racket brings up the question: How many world war veterans are there between 18 and 25?

Mexican workers on the salmon

International Events and Western Workers

Hitler Terror Hastens End of German Capitalism; Social-Democratic Leaders Refuse United Front Struggle; Members Joining With Communists

(Continued from Last Week)

Social-democracy crushed the proletarian revolution in 1918 in Germany. Social-democracy lured the masses with stories of the victory of socialism by democratic means, without any sacrifices, without any deprivations. Social-democracy has led to fascism.

This means the second historic downfall of social-democracy, the downfall of its mass influence, the beginning of a new exit from social-democracy on the part of broad working class masses.

As a result of the dissatisfaction expressed by the working masses concerning the social-democratic policy, and their demand for a joint struggle with the Communists, the Bureau of the Second International, in order to increase its influence, has issued an appeal to the workers of the world, in which it writes:

"We call upon the German workers and the workers of all lands, in view of the tragic danger facing them, to cease all mutual attacks and begin to fight against fascism. The Socialist Labor International is always ready to enter into negotiations with the Communist International on the question of united struggle as soon as the latter expresses its readiness to do so."

Communists are not in principle opposed to agreements with other parties concerning joint activities. But in this they are following the example of Engels who, in 1883, in a letter to H. Trier, wrote that he was enough of a revolutionary, when circumstances required it, to reject just the same measure.

The Communists follow the example of the Bolsheviks and Lenin, who during the Kornilov uprising invited the Mensheviks and socialist revolutionaries to enter into a militant agreement for joint struggle against fascism. The leader of the German social-democratic party, Wels, hurriedly quarantines himself from the Communists as from the plague, and, crawling on his belly before the fascists, writes a letter to the "Most Respected Vice-Chancellor" Papen to the effect that social-democracy has nothing in common with the Communists, that there exists no united front between them, and that "the exemplary discipline of the social-democratic party in these days" should convince Papen that there is no need to close down the social-democratic press.

TERROR WILL HASTEN END OF CAPITALISM

The terror of the Hitler-Hugenberg-Papen fascist government against the working class has considerably hastened the trend of history, but not in the direction desired by these gentlemen. In the days and nights of the present reign of fascist terror, millions of social-democratic workers are thinking heavy thoughts and forming new conclusions: they see that the fascists are aiming blows not only at the Communists, but at them as well, and that at the same

Funds Go To Victims Of Hitler Fascism

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The proceeds of the Anti-Fascist terror meeting held here on April 24 left a balance of \$43.60 which, as decided by the meeting, will go to the Workers International Relief, with headquarters at Amsterdam, and will go defending the victims of Hitler terror.

German fascism has begun a devastating advance against Marxism and Communism. But Marxism and Communism are living and will live and they now reply to Hitler and to the whole of bourgeois society, groaning in the throes of crisis and seizing the last means to save itself, in the following words of the Communist Manifesto of Marx and Engels:

"Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist revolution."



We have received the following letter from Robert J. Pearsall, chairman of the Socialist Local of Alameda County:

Editor, Western Worker:

However unintentional, the mistaken impression created by your headline, "Oakland Socialist Party Mass Meeting Endorses United Front," in your April 24 issue, should be corrected.

"United Action" is of course desired by every intelligent worker, but the words "United Front" denote at the present time certain specific proposals, which are under consideration by the Socialist Party, National and International, and had the Communist resolution mentioned the "United Front" or concerned itself with those proposals, my action as chairman of the meeting, and the action of the other Socialists present, would of necessity have been different. Nevertheless, I remain

Yours for the Revolution,
ROBERT J. PEARSALL,
Chairman, Socialist Local, Ala-
meda County.

The resolution referred to was adopted at a mass meeting under the auspices of the Socialist Party, held in Oakland on April 11, and included the following 6 points: Against the Roosevelt hunger program, for Unemployment Insurance, for workers rights and re-

lease of political prisoners, against Fascist terror, struggle against war, for recognition and defense of the Soviet Union. Any one who will refer to the complete resolution published in the April 24th issue, and compare it to the proposals for a United Front, made by the Communist International and the Communist Party of the U. S. (both appeared in the Daily Worker), will immediately see that they are essentially the same. The resolution is likewise in line with the proposal made by the Trade Union Unity League, that the Continental Congress, so far confined to the Socialist Party supporters, be broadened to include the Communist Party and the organizations it leads.

What, in fact, would happen if the Continental Congress would be all inclusive? It would constitute a United Front of labor. The organizations within that United Front would not give up their identity, or principles, but would put their entire forces behind the issues agreed upon.

The trouble is that the Socialist Party leadership has trained its members to regard the expression "United Front" as denoting some kind of a Communist maneuver within which there must be Communists control. Western Worker readers need hardly be told that this is a distortion, aimed at pre-

venting united action in the ranks of the workers, and it is time that all sincere members in the Socialist Party realized this.

From Pearsall's letter it is evident that while the Alameda County Socialist Party has gone ahead of other local, the expression "United Front" seems to still be objectionable. There is a fundamental agreement, and certainly there is no need to quibble in the name be "United Front" or "United Action," as Pearsall would have it. If the Socialist Party locals in San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and everywhere else took the position of the Oakland local there, in all probability, would be united action. That is providing this is meant seriously. We certainly do not overlook the fact that a motion for supporting the workers ticket was rejected by an 8 to 8 vote in the County Committee of the S. P. (All other candidates were of capitalist parties). Likewise the communication for joining in a May Day demonstration was not even brought before the committee.

Finally we want to express our surprise at receiving a letter from a Socialist Party member, ending with "Yours for the Revolution." It is